

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUES TEMPE PARKS & RECREATION

Coaches:

Enclosed is your team's schedule for the 2004 Summer Softball Season. By this time the schedule should also be on the web site: www.tempe.gov/pkrec/sportspage Lets hope for a dry early summer with monsoon rains holding off until late July and August.

Additional softball news you can use:

For some undetermined reason many of you did not receive, through the mail, the summer league registration packet. We apologize and will redouble our efforts to insure future communications reach every current team. On the other hand, this would be a good time to remind all coaches that snail mail is not the only form of communication. The registration information is available on the Sportspage website and the fall information will be updated within the next couple of weeks.

Fall Softball Leagues: Teams that want to play in the fall leagues must attend one of two scheduled mandatory meetings - July 13 or July 15 at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Avenue. The men's leagues meet at 7:30 PM and co-rec meets at 8:15 PM. Registration will be August 2,3,4,5 and 9.

Forty Plus League: We have had increasing request for a 40+ men's softball league and have decided to offer a fall league for this age group. The details are still sketchy but we know the league will play on Thursday evenings and all players must be 40 or older. Participants can register as a team or as an individual. In order to promote the league, the individual

registrations will be formed into teams. In the near future, check the web site for full details.

Home Run Rule: The cor-rec home run rule will now read - Two Home Runs per inning will be allowed at all fields. Excessive home runs will result in the batter being called out.

B - Leagues: Softball leagues play six nights per week and each night has one B-League. A league consist of 8 teams and there is not a single evening of play where there is a full 8 team B-League. All the B-Leagues are combined leagues with C level teams. The number of B teams range from 3 teams to 7 teams. In general the B teams dominate the C teams. Starting with the fall league, Men's B Leagues will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday only. Co-Rec B League will be offered on Sunday only. Registration details will be available later this summer.

Suspensions: Starting with the summer season - Teams suspended from league play, for violations of the Sports Code of Conduct, will not be eligible to receive a refund for games not played.

Make-up Games: The spring make-up schedule was probably the most convoluted result to get every game played that we have ever experienced. In the future - make-up games will be played during the two week period after the last scheduled league game. The tournament will be scheduled in the third week and any remaining league games to be made-up will be scheduled for after the tournament. Refunds will not be issued if every attempt and opportunity has been addressed to play the guaranteed number of games - 15 for men's and 8 for co-rec.

Focus Group: Last fall we invited several coaches to attend a two hour meeting to discuss softball league issues. The conversation was very productive and we would like to schedule another focus group for June. If you would like to be considered, the criteria is the same - you must live in Tempe and have been involved with Tempe adult softball for at least three years. If interested please call Larry West, 480-350-5218 or email larry_west@tempe.gov

Have a great summer season!

